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1. East German Minister of Railroads Erwin Kramer personally instructed [redacted] RDB Berlin [redacted] to complete by 25X1 day¹ the so-called Fernmeldebauvorhaben (communications project) Verkabelung Ring um Berlin (cable-laying around Berlin). This undertaking is being carried out by RFT Berlin (sic), Abteilung Kabelbau (section for cable construction) [redacted]. For this purpose, 70 to 100 technicians (Fernmeldemonteure) have been ordered from all parts of East Germany. They had all arrived by 31 March and were assigned to quarters in and near Berlin. 25X1
2. This special construction project began on 31 March and proceeded in three shifts per day. [redacted] are required to submit [redacted] daily progress reports to Kramer. 25X1
3. The following are included in the above-mentioned construction project:
 - a. The most rapid possible completion of BASA Mahlow. In order to make this possible, another BASA in the interior of East Germany is being dismantled.² 25X1
 - b. The installation of so-called Kabelmuffen (cable sleeves) and Kabelendverschluesse (terminal boxes), i.e., the last installations prior to the actual use of the newly-laid cables. 25X1
4. Special emphasis is being laid on the completion of work on the following installations:
 - a. 136-pair cable from BASA Markgrafendamm to BASA Mahlow; 25X1
 - b. 110-pair cable from BASA Mahlow to the switch point (Schaltestelle) at Michendorf; 25X1
 - c. 136-pair cable from BASA Ost (East) to BASA Markgrafendamm; and 25X1

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d. 62-pair cable from Pankow to the railroad station at Schoenhauser Allee, via the railroad station at Bornholmerstrasse.

5. The BASA connections between Berlin and the Soviet Zone are to be disconnected. All calls are to be connected by the operator and only after Voransmeldung (prior application and clearance). The railroad dispatcher net is not to be affected by this measure. Calls on the dispatcher net are to be handled by a so-called Gesprächsspeicher (speech storage device).

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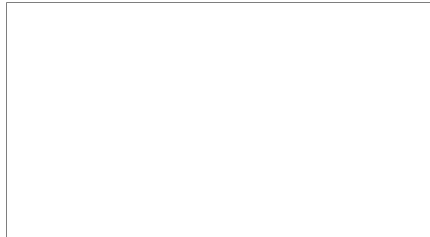


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Comment. BASA stands for Bahnselbatanschlusssanlage (automatic railroad dialing system).

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